Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application.

Listing of the Claims

- 1. (Currently Amended) A method for proliferating terminal differentiated cells cardiomyocytes comprising: introducing a D-type cyclin and a cyclin dependent kinase into the nucleus of terminal differentiated cells cardiomyocytes, and cultivating or holding said cells, wherein said cyclin dependent kinase is CDK4 or CDK6.
- 2. (Currently Amended) A method for proliferating terminal differentiated cells cardiomyocytes comprising: adding [[a]] nucleotide sequences coding for a nuclear localization signal to at least one D-type cyclin gene and a cyclin dependent kinase gene; and introducing each of said genes to terminal differentiated cells cardiomyocytes in vitro, and then cultivating said cells, or introducing each of said genes directly to terminal differentiated cells cardiomyocytes in vivo, wherein said cyclin dependent kinase is CDK4 or CDK6.
- 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein said cyclin dependent kinase is activated by a mammalian cyclin.
- 5. (Cancelled)
- 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said cyclin gene and said cyclin dependent kinase gene are transferred to the terminal differentiated cells cardiomyocytes using an adenovirus vector.
- 7. (Withdrawn) A recombinant vector comprising a cyclin gene comprising a nucleotide sequence coding for a nuclear localization signal.

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- 8. (Withdrawn) A recombinant vector comprising a cyclin gene and a cyclin dependent kinase gene, wherein at least one of said genes is attached with a nucleotide sequence coding for a nuclear localization signal.
- 9. (Withdrawn) The recombinant vector of claim 7 or 8, wherein said cyclin is a cyclin that is capable of activating a mammalian CDK4 or CDK6.
- 10. (Withdrawn) The recombinant vector of claim 7 or 8, wherein said cyclin dependent kinase is a cyclin dependent kinase that is activated by cyclin D1, D2, or D3.
- 11. (Withdrawn) The recombinant vector of claim 7 or 8, further comprising an adenovirus vector.
- 12. (Withdrawn) An isolated mammalian cell or tissue that was proliferated by the method of claim 1 or 2.
- 13. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition for proliferating terminal differentiated cells or tissues, comprising an effective amount of the recombinant vector of claim 7, 8, or 15.
- 14. (Withdrawn) A method for treating cardiopathy in a human patient comprising introducing the pharmaceutical composition of claim 13 into the myocardium of the patient, and proliferating a cardiomyocite in the patient.
- 15. (Withdrawn) A recombinant vector comprising a cyclin dependent kinase gene comprising a nucleotide coding for a nuclear localization signal.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said genes comprising said nucleotide sequences is are introduced to the terminal differentiated cells cardiomyocytes in vitro, and cultivating said cells.

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- 17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said genes comprising said nucleotide sequences is are introduced to the terminal differentiated cells cardiomyocytes in vivo.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein said cyclin activates CDK4.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein said cyclin activates CDK6.